

TIPS FOR SEARCHING THE MASTER CRIME LIST

The Master Crime List contains over 1900 criminal offenses. It includes whether these offenses are felonies or misdemeanors. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 274 §1, a felony is a crime punishable by death or imprisonment in a state prison. All other crimes are misdemeanors.

The listing is divided into three sections. Each section contains the same information, but is organized in a different manner.

- The first section is organized by the statutory citation. It starts on page 2 of the list and ends on page 63.
- The second section is organized by the title of the offense. It starts on page 64 of the list and ends on page 125.
- The third section is organized by descending order of seriousness as established by the Massachusetts Sentencing Commission. It starts on page 126 of the list and ends on page 187.

To go to a specific page or section of the list:

- Click on the box in the bottom left-hand corner of the screen where the page number is displayed.
- A “Go To Page” box will pop up. Type in the page number and click “OK.”

To search for an offense by name :

- Click on the binocular icon on the toolbar.
- A search box will appear. Type in the name of the offense (for example: larceny).
- The browser will search for the term in the list and highlight where it appears.

To enlarge the text for viewing:

- Highlight the section you seek to view.
- Click on the magnifying glass on the toolbar.
- You may click several times to enlarge the text.